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SUBJ: PRESIDENT SENGHOR MAKES BRIEF VISIT TO
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SUMMARY: PRESIDENT SENGHOR PASSED THE NIGHT OF APRIL 29TH IN OUAGADOUGOU RESULTING FROM A TECHNICAL STOP IN ROUTE TO SENEGAL FROM IRAN. HE COMMENTED THAT THE VISIST OF SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER IN AFRICA WAS A GOOD THING. PRESIDENT SENGHOR AND LAMIZANA DISCUSSED ACTIVITIES OF CEAO AND CILSS DURING THE BRIEF VISIT. HE INVITED PRESIDENT LAMIZANA TO VISIT SENEGAL AT THE END OF THE YEAR. SENGHOR ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT UPS WILL BECOME THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF SENEGAL AT ITS NEXT CONGRESS.

1. PRESIDENT LEOPOLD SENGHOR, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE AND SON ARRIVED IN OUAGADOUGOU 1745 APRIL 29, AND SPENT THE NIGHT BEFORE RETURNING TO DAKAR FROM THEIR VISIT TO IRAN.
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2. THE ENTOURAGE INCLUDED: MINISTER OF STATE
BABACAR BA, FOREIGN MINISTER ASSANE SECK,
CULTURAL MINISTER ALIOUNE SENE AND DEPUTY AMANDOU
BOULA GUEYE.

3. THE GOUV DAILY "NOTRE COMBAT" OF APRIL 30TH CARRIED
THE FOLLOWING REPORT OF A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT
SENGHOR HELD AT THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE.

A. " I STOPPED AT OUAGADOUGOU FOR TWO REASONS: ONE
TECHNICAL, THE OTHER POLITICAL'. THE TECHNICAL REASON
EXPLAINED PRESIDENT SENGHOR WAS DUE TO THE FACT THAT THEY
HAD BEEN FLYING FOR TWELVE HOURS AND NEEDED A REST.
EXPLAINING THE POLITICAL REASONS, THE SENEGALESE
PRESIDENT STATED THAT HE NEEDED TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT
LAMIZANA TO DISCUSS IN ARTICULAR THE CEAO AND CILSS
FROM WHICH A CLUB OF FRIENDS OF THE SAHEL WAS
RECENTLY CREATED IN DAKAR.

B. THE SENEGALESE PRESIDENT SPOKE OF THE SUCCESSION
OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CEAO BY ANOTHER
SENGALESE.

C. SPEAKING OF THE VISIT BY THE AMERICAN SECRETARY
OF STATE IN AFRICA, PRESIDENT SENGHOR DECLARED THAT
IT WAS A GOOD THING, ESPECIALLY HIS DECLARATION THAT
THE USA WOULD WORK FOR BRINGING ABOUT A BLACK MAJORITY
GOVERNMENT IN RHODESIA.

D. WHY A LIMIT OF THREE PARTIES IN SENGAL? BECAUSE
IT IS NECESSARY TO REGULATE IN THE SENSE THAT CONTINUED
PLURALISM AND MULTIPLICATION OF PARTIES COULD LEAD
TO ANARCHY.

E. THE SENEGALESE PRESIDENT ALSO REVEALED THAT THE
"UNION PROGRESSISTE SENEGALAISE" (UPS) WILL BECOME THE
SOCIALIST PARTY OF SENEGAL DURING THE NEXT CONGRESS OF
THE PARTY.

F. ALSO, GENERAL LAMIZANA HAS BEEN INVITED ON AN
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OFFICIAL VISIT TO SENEGAL BY HIS HOMOLOGUE PROBABLY IN
DECEMBER..."

4. PRESIDENT SENGHOR AND PARTY DEPARTED OUAGADOUGOU
AT 1145 APRIL 30T FOR DAKAR.DUMAS

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